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SHOCKED AT ETHICAL TRAP

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NEWSCASTER: "Sam Brown, the chairman of the supervisory board of the National Student Association, says some of the NSA officers knew of the connection with the Central Intelligence Agency, and gathered information from abroad for the CIA.

"Brown says the information was not hard intelligence, but dealt with personalities in politics in student organizations in foreign countries. But he said the CIA threatened members of the NSA with prison if they told about NSA's link with the CIA.

"Our ABC microphones were in Washington tonight when Sam Brown said --."

BROWN: "We are shocked at the ethical trap in which young men of great integrity have been placed by covert actions of the CIA. Honorable people acting out of the best of motives were faced with the impossible choice to expose the relationship, thereby harming themselves and hundreds of others, or remain quiet and thereby be dishonest to new generations of students."

NEWSCASTER: "Sam Brown, of the the National Student Association, said that so far as he knows the CIA did not arrange draft deferment for leaders of the NSA."